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VOICE FROM
HEAVEN"



MATT. 28:19

The Church of God Evangel



MARK 16:15

CLEVELAND, TENN.

GOD'S LOVE

THE
PILLAR

THE TEACHER'S PRAYER

My Lord, I do not ask to stand
As king or prince of high degree.
I only pray that, hand in hand,
A child and I may come to Thee.

Help me to share what Thou dost give
And be a friend, a trusted guide.
As in Thy sight, oh, let me live,
May selfishness be crucified.

Thou art the life, the truth, the way
That leads to God, that saves from sin.
Oh, may my teaching, day by day,
Help those in need, Thy life to win.

Oh, grant Thy patience, Lord, to share
Thy holy purpose, life to bring.
May I the inexperience bear
Of those who need love's fostering.

—Norman E. Richardson in *Prayer Poems*.

THE
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THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

1 TIM. 3:15

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"Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things."—Gal. 6:6.

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TRUESDELL

Notes From My Letters

By
J. H. WALKER,
General Overseer



Thought I would let you know how the Easter drive for the Orphanage is coming. At this writing we have heard from most of the churches, only two or three yet to report. The grand total so far is \$487.66. I am sure that there will be enough from the churches not reported to make the amount \$500. Now before you or the Orphanage Committee begin to pass out roses or suckers (all-day suckers) or anything else for this day, be sure to wait for our final check-up on the State of good old Louisiana. Remember this is about three and a half times more than was given in the entire state orphanage work year before last and doesn't lack much being as much as the entire state gave all last year. We will send a check covering this drive.—W. C. Byrd, overseer of Louisiana.

The Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, district convention was outstanding! The power of God was present and the altar services were wonderful. The preachers were at their best, and the fellowship and cooperation excellent. The attendance was the best ever known. The reports speak for themselves. Last year's mission offering was \$108, the largest in the State. This year the mission offering was \$526.78.

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Last year's orphanage offering was \$43.08; this year's offering was \$150.-65. The total membership for the district is about 204 (nine churches). Praise God for it all!—Brady Dennis, district overseer.

We had a wonderful revival at Grand Ledge, Michigan, with several saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the Church. We had a glorious district Y. P. E. convention with several hundred increase over last year. Our young people have raised several hundred dollars for missions and are still going big. We expect to be the winners in the state and that is our goal. The work is growing by leaps and bounds on the district in all churches. We all love our state overseer, Brother Paul H. Walker. He is really interested in any part of the program for the progress of the cause of Christ and His Church. Pray that we will continue to grow and glow in this district.—W. T. Truett, district overseer.

CORRECTION

In the telegram given last week from H. T. Durden, of Cramerton, N. C., there was an error in the

SPECIAL NOTICE IN REGARD TO THE NATIONAL Y.P.E. AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTESTS

The national Y.P.E. and Sunday School contests will close the first day of August, with the exception of the enrollment of students to the Bible Training School and College, which will close the first day of the Assembly. The committee to decide on the winners of the national banners are:

W. E. Johnson
Paul Stallings
Robert Johnson

Since this year (as has been previously announced) the states are divided into seven groups according to membership, there will be seven Y.P.E. banners and

seven Sunday School banners—one for the winner in each respective group. There will be seven \$100 scholarships awarded to the winners in the Y.P.E. contest—one to the winner in each group; and a set of Matthew Henry's Commentary will be given to the winners of the Sunday School banners. These commentaries will be given to the offices of the state superintendents.

Each state board of the states that win the Y.P.E. banners will decide to whom the scholarships will be given in their respective states.—Earl P. Paulk, National Supervisor, Y.P.E.'s and Sunday Schools.

SPECIAL NOTICE

We sincerely regret that conditions are such that we cannot have our General Assembly this year as in the past; but in view of the curtailment in transportation during this all-out war and in compliance with the ruling of the General Assembly, we are calling a General Assembly of the ministry (including women who are ministers) for two days only.

The Committee considered various propositions and locations and have unanimously decided that this year Sevierville, Tennessee, will be the most suitable place for our Assembly. The new auditorium of our Bible Training School and College, where the Assembly will be held, will accommodate a little more than one thousand people. The management of the school is arranging to serve meals in the school cafeteria. A limited number of rooms may be obtained in the dormitories and entertainment may be secured elsewhere in Sevierville and Gatlinburg. Sevierville is twenty-three miles east of Knoxville.

The Entertainment Committee is: Zeno C. Tharp, D. C. Barnes, and Cecil Bridges, and others whom they may select.

We are giving below a schedule of the Assembly, the Bishops' Council, and various board meetings:

Meeting of Council of Twelve (in Cleveland), August 16-25. Beginning at 2:00 p. m. on the 16th.

Meeting of Mission Board (in Cleveland), August 26-27. Beginning at 9:00 a. m. on the 26th.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Bible Training School and College (in Cleveland), August 26-27. Beginning at 9:00 a. m. on the 26th.

Bishops' Council (in Sevierville), August 28-31. Beginning at 2:00 p. m. on the 28th.

General Assembly (in Sevierville), September 1-2. Beginning at 9:30 a. m. on the 1st.

Opening of Bible Training School and College (in Sevierville), September 6.

—J. H. WALKER, General Overseer.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

Notices

All soldier boys and friends who are passing through or who are stationed here for a period of their training, please come worship with us. The church is located at 846 Santa Fe Drive.—Mrs. G. W. Nichols, clerk, 924 Kalamath St., Denver, Colo.

We would be interested in hearing from Church of God people who have moved to this defense center of Richmond, Va. They can reach me at this address: Rev. Jessie R. Burkett, 2300 A. Burton St., Richmond, Va. Phone 2-7109.

We are open for evangelistic calls.—Rev. Frank Sprague and wife, 414½ Cole Ave., Akron, Ohio.

amount reported for the orphanage. A correct copy of the telegram is given below:

Wonderful home-coming Easter Sunday. Entire indebtedness lifted on church \$1,085.40, with several hundred dollars left in treasury, and
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God and Caesar...

By Rev. J. D. Bright

Matt. 22:21, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's."

CHURCH OF GOD MANPOWER

TO my knowledge, we have representatives, ministers, church members and Sunday School members by the hundreds in the armed forces, on the land, in the air, on the sea, in the sea, wherever our forces are stationed. I know one small church in this state that has thirty-two representatives in the armed forces. Everywhere I go mothers in the Church and out of the Church request me to pray for their boys. They regret that this war is on, but seem to be proud their son or sons are contributing to our nation's support and defense.

CHURCH NONCOMBATANT

Yet I am quite sure that the entire Church hasn't a single member or minister in a conscientious objectors' camp. Our brethren have stated their conviction upon being drafted or volunteering—and many have volunteered—and have gone to camp with a prayer in their hearts, accompanied by our prayers, that those under whose supervision they might be placed would be considerate and let them serve in any capacity other than being placed in a position to shed blood.

OUR BRETHREN RESPECTED

So far, I know of no complaints being made to pastors, state overseers, or general officials about our brethren being disrespectfully treated because of their affiliation with the Church of God and their conviction about noncombatant service.

PRAY FOR OUR 7,000,000 SOLDIERS

Ministers and members, since we have brethren in every department of armed forces running the risk of their lives to maintain this precious form of government under which we, The Church of God, can live and grow, we should be very careful to be faithful in attending the services that they are having to miss and pray for their night and day, as well as for all the allied soldiers and leaders.

VICTORY AND INCOME TAXES

Last year 4,000,000 paid income tax.

This year it is estimated that 27,000,000 will pay income tax. Not only that, but there is the Victory Tax that at least 40,000,000 will pay. Why? To help raise the \$100,000,000,000 appropriated to prevent the devil-possessed war lords from making slaves of us and plunging us back into the Egyptian darkness of heathenism. The total cost of this war will do doubt be \$300,000,000,000, but if it be necessary, we will meet the requirements of our Government like all true-hearted, loyal citizens should. In all the contacts that I have made as state overseer, I have as yet my first minister or member of the Church of God to hear offer a critical statement. And I am made happy by this cooperative disposition on the part of the Church of God ministers and laity.

BUT TITHERS

We must not only be faithful to the Government, "render to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar," yes indeed; but we are duty bound by that same law of God's love that worked on the hearts of the wise-hearted men and women, Exod. 35:25; 36:1-4, and actuated them to give materials to build the tabernacle and temple with, as well as give one-tenth of their income to support the priest, Num. 18:25-28. Abraham (Heb. 7) and Jacob (Gen. 28) demonstrated the fact that love is the true motive, and not law, that should prompt tithe-paying.

PROSPERITY IS CONDITIONAL

Israel prospered as long as she gave God that which belonged to Him. But when she failed, God's servants had to go back to the farms or other secular work and the Holy Spirit sent Malachi to tell them that they were robbers. Remember, this book was not under the law but in the 400-year transition period between the law and grace and belongs as much to our day as to the Israelites.

HEARTSICK

My heart has been disappointed something terrible on visiting ministers and having them report to me that the most substantial part of the membership had moved to defense projects and although their names were still on the membership roll and they paid tithes and gave offerings while near the church, now, even though they are making double, triple, and quadruple what they made when residing near the church, no tithes are going back home to support the lonely, struggling pastor. No offerings are being sent back on the church debts or incidental expenses.

PROSPEROUS MEMBERS—IMPOVERISHED PASTORS?

At nearly all state ministers' meetings programs were adopted which require each pastor to raise a set amount for missions and orphanage, as well as the general quotas, and

when (the members were at home) making far less, they generally paid their quotas and helped raise quotas for the sick, unemployed and tight-wads. But moving away to the admittedly essential defense projects has done something to many of them and they are not sending back to their church one penny on mission, aged ministers' or orphanage quotas. Prosperous members indeed, but impoverished pastors and hindered programs.

NOW—

Remember, dear, precious members and inactive ministers, who are raking in the dough at secular jobs, this one thing, if every member or minister who goes off to defense jobs or any other work, fails the church financially or even a large part (and this war should last four or five years) then, although our nation should win, the Church, yes, the great, good, glorious and much-loved Church of God, would suffer defeat! Yes, we would lose the very thing for which we are fighting and sacrificing to keep!

OUR DUAL PRIVILEGE

We have the blessed privilege as a church to help our Government win this war and the peace that shall follow. But if we are not true to God and His Church, as well as to the nation, the chances are nine to ten that both the nation and the Church will fail to win the war, as well as the peace that should follow. On the other hand, if we were to give the nation full support and we were to win the war, but while doing it we failed to give the Church the financial, prayerful and attendance support that we should, the Church would be capitulated into such depression and defeat as to deprive it of its prestige, power, glory and peace for centuries.

COME ON, PROVE GOD

By getting back or staying under the window of heaven with your tithes and offerings and general support, "that there may be meat in mine house," God will most assuredly open the windows of heaven and pour you out great blessings. And you, especially who have never paid tithes and given offerings, would do well to read these scriptures:

Luke 16:5, "So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord?"

Mal. 3:8-12, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the

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Religion and the World

BY THE EDITOR

God's Idea of a Church

All filled with the Holy Ghost: the 120, Acts 1:15; 2:4. The promise is unto you: the Jews. Your children: still the Jews. To all that are afar off: the Gentiles, Eph. 2:17. As many as the Lord our God shall call includes both Jews and Gentiles, Acts 2:39. All alike could have and all alike should have the baptism of the Holy Ghost, prepared for us by our loving heavenly Father.

The Sermon

"Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge." No provision here for a one-man ministry, or a selfishly and carefully sealed pulpit. God did then, and does so still provide "prophets" a spiritual ministry. Two or three of these will give sufficient edification in one service, "let the other judge." Your ministry will stand up under criticism if God has inspired you to "preach the Word."

German Confessional Pastors Mobilized

A cable coming out of London and reported by RNS states that "almost ninety per cent of the Confessional pastors in Germany have been mobilized for service in the armed forces," according to a report by Dr. Arthur Frey, of Zurich. He further reported that the Confessional Church had been harder hit than any other religious group. This is the group with which Neimoeiller labored, and which is still reported to be resisting the Nazi doctrines strongly.

Deceptive Movie Propaganda

Religious News has released a report dated April 16, New York, that "a special appropriation of \$50,000 is expected to be set aside by Warner Brothers to advertise the forthcoming film "Mission to Moscow" in Roman Catholic, Protestant, and other religious journals. The film is based on reports taken from Ambassador Joseph E. Davies' book. The whole purpose of this setup is to get the few remaining church-goers who do not attend the shows to "come out" for these pictures pertaining to religion in Russia.

Why Hitler Hates the Church

The church not only condemns the purpose and practice of his life, but it points out the fact that he hates most—that there is a God who rules the heavens and the earth. Hitler refuses to play second fiddle with God. He presumes it easier to destroy the church and the Jews, the two great agencies that witness for God, than after having done so he might have the whole eventful role to himself. The church attests that the right of rule belongs to the Lord. This is why all dictators hate the church. They

can't be absolute dictators so long as their subjects over which they rule acknowledge and worship the true and living God. For this reason alone, dictators hope to destroy the Jews and the church. Then they plan to have a false religion built upon the magic of mysticism which acknowledges no greater authority than the dictators themselves. This done they can demand worship of their subjects. Rev. 13:8-12; 2 Thess. 2:4.

Writing under the caption of "Views of the Jewish Faith," Dr. David L. Cooper, writing in *Biblical Research Monthly*, refers to the "religious phase" of Jewish life, which is peculiar to Jerusalem, and Jewish devotion which we witnessed before the "Wailing Wall." "Before it there stood old men and women (the women by themselves at one end, and the men at the other) reading aloud their prayers in more or less a chant as they bowed backward and forward in rhythmic fashion. At intervals they would lean forward to kiss those stones which mark the site of the bygone glory of Jerusalem's temple. Although some of them did work themselves into a high emotional state of almost hysteria, one could not doubt the sincerity which prompted them to pour out their hearts in strong crying and tears."

Christianity in Russia

It is just a little hard to know the truth about Christian activity in Russia. One writer will tell us how few churches there are in Russia, another will soon tell us how many Christians there are in Russia. However, Basil Mathews, writing in *Christian Herald*, states that "Emelyan Yaroslavsky, president of the Union of the Militant Goddess (the Communist's organization for propaganda against belief in God), said in 1939 that two-thirds of the rural population and one-third of the town population are practicing Christians. This was on the basis of the latest census. Compare that with France, where, in the last census, forty million or three-fourths of the French people are registered as having no religion at all!"

"All worshipping Christians in Russia must be registered with the Government, which maintains a Commission on Religious Affairs. To this Commission, all religious groups must report each October. So the Government has a thorough knowledge of the Christians, whether they be in the Russian Orthodox Church or in the Baptist or other "evangelical" communities—and the Government admits that the number of Christians reaches sixty million. This is a reduction by a third from the ninety million reported in 1914, but when judged by realistic tests there are more Christians today.

"Yaroslavsky has recently made

three rather amazing admissions. First, he admits that an active body of one million leading laymen are busily at work in Russia; they are gathered into 30,000 'religious associations.' Second, he warns his godless not to be deluded into believing that 'religion is only a concern of the elders.' He is painfully aware that his anti-God movement has failed to convince Russian youth of the truth of atheism. And third, he tries to shame his anti-God followers by telling them of the vigorous work of the Church in social services—building and maintaining playgrounds, reading rooms and medical relief centers."

Signs and Lying Wonders

Christ will come only after Satan has worked "with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness." 2 Thess. 2:9-10. To offset this satanic ministry, God "confirmed" "so great a salvation," "bearing witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will," Heb. 2:3, 4. "And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover," Mark 16:17, 18. The purpose of the endowment of the Holy Ghost was to provide a spiritual and miraculous ministry for the deliverance of mankind. To have a genuine revival, we must deal with the devil who holds men captive at his will. It takes power and wondrous workings of the Holy Ghost to awaken interest and deal with satanic opposition. A cold, formal religion and ministry will not be sufficient to deal with "signs and lying wonders" at the hand of Satan. "Divers miracles and gifts of the Holy Ghost" will be a faithful and tangible witness and the only thing worthy of great consideration in that day and time. See Rev. 11:3-12.

Radio Broadcasts

A work study group, chairmaned by Dr. Albert W. Palmer, president, Chicago Theological Seminary, met recently at Columbus, Ohio, for consideration and discussion of "standards" for broadcasts of Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faiths. The opinion of this group was that with the exception of some "network programs," religious broadcasts are "generally of an inferior quality." It is understood that these broadcasts in the future will have to be improved. Further important meetings between committees representing Code and National Association of Broadcasters, relative to religious broadcasts, are planned. Steps to improve the technique, style and manner of these broadcasts are planned. The situation is simply this with regard to some broadcasts: improve or be reproved, or possibly stopped.

Never trust anybody not of sound religion, for he that is false to God can never be true to man.—Lord Burleigh.

When Do We Stop Hearing?

M. O. SMITH

Text: Acts 22:22, "And they gave him audience unto this word."

SAM JONES said, "I believe Saul of Tarsus was the greatest man in this world's history. When I measure his head I look and admire. When I measure his heart I am at a loss to know which is the greater, his head or his heart." It takes both head and heart to make a true man. If there was a leading characteristic in this the greatest man in the world's history, as Sam Jones puts it, I believe it was his sterling integrity and his downright honesty. However, it took the biggest guns of heaven to arouse and convince him of the divinity of Christ, but when once convinced he was loyal forever. I believe I can say that St. Paul, being an honest man, God put him straight once and he never gave God a moment's trouble after that until God said, "It is enough, come up higher." St. Paul was such a man as I would imitate. I admire his character. He was true, noble, courageous, honest.

Now this man, like Christ, sets his face toward Jerusalem. As he journeys through Ephesus he is warned of the coming afflictions that would befall him should he go on to Jerusalem, yet he says, "None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I may finish my course with joy," Acts 20:24. He bids them farewell and goes on. Coming to Tyre, the disciples there seek to dissuade Paul from going on, but Paul, being determined, continues his journey. At Caesarea also Paul is warned by the Holy Ghost through Agabus that if he goes to Jerusalem as he had planned, the Jews will place him in bonds. But Paul says, "Why do you weep? Why break my heart like this? for I'm ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." The Holy Ghost did not tell Paul not to go up to Jerusalem but was just warning him of how he should suffer when he did go.

Should you feel pressed to make an attack against Satan's forces at some designated place, and then you learn of what would happen or might happen to you if you went, don't say, "Well, the Lord doesn't want me to go," or, "It is not God's will that I go to that place. If it was, He would not have warned me of this coming trouble." Brother, Sister, it might be that God wants you to go prepared for anything and having stood all you can stand, to stand. Did you say suffer? Yea, not only to suffer, but to die for the name of Christ if need be.

Paul arrives in Jerusalem and makes a report to the church there of the wonderful works of God in other locations. The disciples are greatly encouraged and glorify God. Shortly afterward false accusations begin to arise and he is seized by a mob who almost crushes the life out of him but

he was rescued by the Roman soldiers and was about to be led into the castle when he said to the chief captain, "May I speak unto thee?" who said, "Canst thou speak Greek?" Paul said, "I am a man which am a Jew of Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city; and I beseech thee suffer me to speak unto the people." He was given license to speak and he began by saying, "Men, brethren, fathers, hear ye my defense which I make now unto you." Acts 22:1. Here he received their attention and continued, telling them his experience from the time when he was receiving letters of authority from the priest to bind and place in prison any and all that he found with this new kind of religion that was spreading so rapidly. The Jews still listened, and he continued his testimony. Instead of discussing a lot of theological dogma that people are not interested in or arguing some ecclesiastical question that people within a hundred miles would have no concern for, I say tell the experience you have had with Christ, and that that you know He has done in your life, that that you actually KNOW will have its weight. It is better to say, "This one thing I know and do," than to say, "These forty things I dabble in." Paul told of his wonderful conversion and that he knew it was by the mighty power of God that he was able to see again, that it was through the mighty power of God he was set free, that it was through the mighty power of God he received the Holy Ghost. The Jews were still listening. There had been no disturbance yet, but look out, here it comes. "It was the God of our fathers that gave me my calling. And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send you far hence unto the GEN-TILES. And they gave him audience unto this word." When they stopped listening they stopped in a big way. Everything else in Paul's testimony was received all right, but oh! when he mentioned the Gentiles that was more than they could stand. They had a genuine stampede. They said, "Away with such a fellow: it is not fit that he should live." They were ready to bounce upon him as though he had committed an unpardonable sin. They even tore their clothes and threw dust into the air. Before he mentioned the name Gentile they were giving him their whole-hearted attention, but just as soon as he got on their territory and crossed their opinion they gave him audience unto that word, closing their ears to any further truth that he had to offer them.

Friend, when do you stop listening? There are many who will listen as long as things are going their way, but just as soon as they become obligated they stop, and sometimes give you the rebound. I remember hearing some minister in Georgia tell about a colored brother preaching to his people, which illustrates my thought well.

He said, "Some of you niggers been stealing watermelons for I see the rines." One old sister said, "Amen, Brother." He said, "Some of you niggers been stealing chickens for I see the feathers." The sister said, "Amen, Brother; preach it." He said, "Some of you niggers been using tobacco for I see the boxes." She said, "My, my, dat preacher don't quit preachin' and gone de-meddlin'." As long as you know the other person is guilty of something and the preacher is revealing his crookedness and hypocrisy, it's "Amen, Brother; preach it." But just as soon as he gets around where you live you say he's meddling or it is none of his business what you do and how you live. You quit listening. Some folk listen as long as you soft-peddle the gospel to them, but let someone blaze away on the sound principles of religion, or the characteristics of the sanctified, the baptism of the Holy Ghost and its evidence, paying your tithes, church government, loyalty to the Church, etc., and you become deaf.

A man goes off to school, studies law, comes home and starts practicing. You get into trouble, go down and tell the lawyer your troubles. He goes through his books and says, "A pretty good case and I will take it for so much." You fork over the money and no argument. Another man goes off to school and after studying medical science, returns ready for work. Your daughter gets sick and you take her to this doctor. He diagnoses the case and says, "The only thing that will save her is an operation and I can do the job and will for so much." You pay it gladly to save her life. Another man goes to school studying to be a greater minister for God and the people. He returns to the field and begins preaching, "The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent ye lest ye perish. You can't love God and the world at the same time. Dress modest and as becometh holiness. Be loyal by supporting God's cause. Pull with the Church or resign," and other fundamental preaching, and you are soon ready to stop listening and say, "That's what he thinks," or, "That's what he learned in school," or, "I have as much right to interpret the Scriptures as he does and I will do just as I please." Yes, my friend, when do we stop listening? God grant that we may always have a receptive heart. That that you want to close your ears to may be the very thing your soul needs. Remember the young man who came to Christ gay and went away sorrowful? Why? Because he lacked ONE thing. He closed his heart and mind and left Jesus because he wasn't willing to hear Him. If you know the truth, the truth shall make you free.

The church that has no missionary spirit has no Christ, no message, no field, no love, and should make no claim to be religious.

Awake! Awake!

FANNIE S. FOSHEE

In Eph. 5:14 we read the text: "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."

ARE we Church of God people asleep? Do we dare continue claiming to be disciples of the Lord, and remain asleep to so many of our Lord's commission?

Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments," John 14:15. Are we fully obeying Him according to His Word? Let us take a few of our Lord's commandments and see where we are.

The first and greatest commandment is found in Luke 10:27, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself."

In the first part of this verse we are told that we are to love God. Then He tells us what parts of our lives will be affected by this love.

Notice the heart is mentioned first. Then it is a religion that affects the heart. We are to love God with all our heart. This will leave no room for the love of anything contrary to this love. We will have no desire for the carnal things of the devil. Nothing Satan has to tempt us with will allure us as long as we truly love God. Do we love Him thus, or do our hearts still long for the garlic and onions of Egypt?

The second thing mentioned here is the soul. That our souls should be so lost away in God's love, so completely satisfied with His care, that our souls constantly glorify and magnify God in both word and deed. There will be no room for worship or praise to any other god. God is the King of our soul and there He holds complete sway.

Then He tells us our minds are affected by this all-consuming love of God. We are to love Him so completely that to obey His commandment and to keep His words is a constant source of delight. No room now for hatred, envy, malice, strife. No room in the heart sanctified by the blood of Jesus Christ, who loves God with his whole mind, for lustful passions and evil desires. For all these things have their breeding place in the mind of man. The mind must conceive these things, then the heart is affected by these unholy thoughts and these thoughts become desires. How can we allow things so ruinous to our spiritual life to enter into our minds? May God help us to know that if our minds are not pure, if our thought-lives are not holy, our hearts can never be. These evil things have their breeding places in the mind. An unsanctified mind is as a stagnant pool, where poisonous insects have their breeding and where reptiles feed. God, help us!

There has never been a day when the devil has come in so subtle a way as today. If he can get a child of God to think so little of God and His Word that it can no longer feed his mind, then he comes along with unholy thoughts and those thoughts, if harbored there, will soon become desires and unless he sees the havoc being wrought in his heart and repents of it, then the devil will bring along temptations and give him a chance to satisfy those desires. The old adage is true, "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." How many ministers would be better off, whose sermons would have more power behind them, if they would spend half as much time somewhere alone praying and studying, as they do sitting down idly folding their hands and listening at some old story on the radio. I've seen it done many times. Waste your time during the week, and then apologize for the sermon on Sunday, feed the sheep old dried-up, stale, warmed-over food. No wonder they become sick and will vomit you and your sermon out. To us Jesus gives the command, "Feed my lambs. Feed my sheep." A minister who never studies will never be a success for God. I fear that if we, who claim to love Him, do not wake up to our duty to God and our fellow man, we are going to hear Him say, "Depart from me, thou sluggard!" Thou child of God, throw off the yoke of bondage, and let Christ give thee light instead of the increasing darkness about to cover your soul.

When we come to Jesus Christ and give Him our heart, soul, strength and mind, He does a marvelous thing for us. Joshua (a type of the New Testament Jesus) was in a battle. He had captured five kings. He wasted no time over them but pursued the foe till sunset. He had rolled a stone up to the mouth of a cave, put them in and closed the door. Then he came back to the cave and said to his servants, "Roll the stone away!" They obeyed. Then to the kings he said, "Come out." How humble and crestfallen they were! They had been kings, but today they had lost their kingdom. Then Joshua, turning to the captains of the host, said in that voice that was accustomed to giving orders, "Put your feet on the necks of them!"

Thank God, that is what He (Jesus) says to me when He covers me by His blood. When I purpose to serve Him with my whole mind, soul, heart, and strength, old passions, lust, hatred, come out! Then to me He says, "Put your feet on the necks of them," and I am conqueror over my own soul! I am now bought with the blood of Jesus, therefore I am responsible to glorify Him in both soul and body, which will take in all we have been talking about.

Awake! Awake! thou Church of

God. Let us glorify Him who so completely deserves our love.

Those old sins that have held such complete sway over our lives, those besetting sins that have kept our prayers from going through, can and will by the grace of God be made to come out, and leave us a pure heart, a clean mind and a holy feeling in our soul. Then and only then can we truly serve God.

Perhaps you, like the rich young ruler, can say, "All these things have I done!" But what about the next part of this verse?

"Love thy neighbour as thyself," Jesus commands. This links us with the verse in Mark 16:15, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Then look a little farther, in Rom. 10:13, 15, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call upon him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?"

Where, I say, are we standing concerning this command of the Lord? Do we love our neighbor? To love him as ourself will put us on our knees, in earnest prayer for his salvation. It will put a mission spirit in our hearts that will make it a pleasure to give to missions.

There are many ministers and members in the Church of God who don't even believe in missions! I say this to your shame. Church of God ministers, do you find it a grind to get just one dollar per member per year for missions in your church? Does it embarrass you to ask them for it, and does it seem like an unnecessary burden added to your already heavy load? Then you have no missionary vision, and you are robbing yourself of a closer walk with God. God can not bless us when we leave a thing so all-important as missions out of our life. To be void of a vision for missions is to fail to love that neighbor. "How can they believe on him of whom they have not heard?" If we love our neighbor as ourself it will be easy to see how necessary it is to support such a worthy cause as missions. We will then give \$5 or \$10 and perhaps \$50 per year gladly, rather than a one-dollar bill grudgingly, as has been the custom of some.

We say we are the Bible Church and so we have a right to believe, but if we are, think of the great responsibility resting upon us. To us then His commission is written, "Go ye into all the world." God, help us! How few missionaries we have who are in the land of their calling! You say the war has hindered. But what about before the war? We have never had as many on the field as were needed at any time. Think of the many fields that have never heard of the Church of God or the gospel message. But you say, "We can't send them now. The war has us blocked." Are we going to go to sleep and let all this time go by unused, and while money is so plentiful shall we waste it also? Then when the war is over and the doors of the world are swung wide to the missionary enterprise, (Continued on page 15)

Consecration

FOR sometime I have felt impressed to write something for the Evangel, so now my prayer is that it will find a place in some heart and bear fruit for the Master.

The first lady evangelist I ever heard I shall never forget her. She stands out in my mind today as an inspired worker for God. As I sat there that night and listened to her it never dawned upon me just what she had to go through with before she attained to that place. Oh, how she could proclaim the Word of God. I never thought of how her whole being had to be consecrated for God's service. Let us think for a moment how our minds must be consecrated for God's service and that we let nothing enter our minds that is not pleasing to God. In this terrible day of sin it is so easy to get our minds so filled up with the things of the world and away from our Lord.

We will all agree that the radio is one of the most wonderful inventions of the day, but we have seen people sit near their radio for hours at a time, filling their minds with nonsense and foolishness that comes over the air, when with just a turn of the button they could have gotten some wonderful message by some inspired man of God. God, help us that we get nothing in our minds that is not pleasing to God.

Then let us think of our eyes, how they must be consecrated for His service. Let us get our eyes off the world and see nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Then we think of our ears which, too, must be

consecrated. We must not listen and lend our ears to hear things that would grieve the Lord.

Next we think of the tongue. If there is one part of our being that needs to be consecrated more than any other for God's service, it is our tongue. We are told in the book of James that the tongue is an unruly member and full of deadly poison. How true! We realize that only God can tame the tongue. Let us ask Him to do so, that our words may ever be pleasing to Him.

Our hearts must be consecrated to Him. God's Word tells us that only the pure in heart shall see God. (Matt. 5:8.) Let us ask God that He will cleanse our hearts, and that they will be filled with love, and ever willing to do His Will.

Many things will our hands find to do in service and consecration to Him. In the scripture we read that blessed are the feet that carry the gospel of salvation. 1 Thess. 5:23. "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

It is necessary that our whole body be consecrated to the service of the Lord. The Lord is able to break us and melt us and mould us, and then He sits as the refiner and when He sees His image in us, then He knows we are pure gold. When we are wholly consecrated, then we are of use in the Master's vineyard, and not until.—Reporter, Williamsburg, Penna.

GOD AND CAESAR — (Continued from page 3)

Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of hosts."

Matt. 23:23, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."

Matt. 5:20, "For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven."

Now if you feel resentment, you are altogether mistaken if you think you are resenting me, for the above array of scriptures are given without my comment. So if you feel your temperament is registering high, just realize it's from a disturbed conscience and repent and prove to God, your pastor and fellow members that you do love the Church, by supporting it. For

after all, would we dare be more honest and loyal to our nation than to the Church? Look at the text again. "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's."

CONSUMING LOVE

For Church and nation have like effect. As citizens, volunteers or draftees we may or may not give our lives—indeed, if necessary, we will! We citizens on the home front are giving of our means, which say we are all contributing more than life service to the nation! Why? Because we love our country! God's best approach to the world has been through love, so beautifully set forth in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Luke 19:10, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Eph. 5:25, "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it."

John 2:17, "And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up."

Until God's love so completely fills our lives that our love in return for Him and His Church consumes us and

until we give ourselves and all that we have to Him and His Church, we will never be what we could be for the Church of God and the nation. Let us remember the text and give to both Church and nation that which belongs to them.

NATIONAL ALLEGIANCE

Let us renew our "pledge" of allegiance to the flag of the United States and the republic for which it stands, "one nation indivisible, with freedom and justice for all," fully aware of the fact that Lincoln's immortal philosophy, as expressed by democracy's golden sentence, "a government of the people, by the people and for the people," not only gives us the protection of the most coveted Bill of Rights in the world, but also places us under inescapable responsibility to love, support, defend, and keep this heritage.

CHURCH OF GOD ALLEGIANCE

I know of nothing that will qualify us as a church to meet the condition of our national pledge more than putting God first, "In the beginning God," and pledging ourselves with all sincerity to unrelenting, uncompromising loyalty to the Church of God, which means that we will love it so much that we will support it, defend it and keep it as our sacred trust to promote with our lives, means and influence so that it will salt and light the world.

The most fitting analogy of the three great prepositions of the Gettysburg Speech, in comparison to our relation to the Church of God as ministers and members, is "In the Church of God, with the Church of God, for the Church of God," and we should live up to these three great relations.

The Church spiritual or triumphant is of God, by Jesus Christ, for man. While the Church literal or militant is of man, by man, for man and the kingdom of God.

CHURCH AND NATION INSEPARABLE

Indeed the Church and state are separate or independent of each other so far as one dominating or ruling the other, but when it comes to the existence of the Church and nation, they are inseparable and dependent upon each other.

God bless us that we may bless the Church of God and our nation by living up to our responsibilities in respect to both. *This can only be done as we "RENDER UNTO CAESAR THE THINGS WHICH ARE CAESAR'S AND UNTO GOD THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S."*

NOTICE

We would like to secure two good tent evangelists. Must give state and district overseers for reference. We have two good 40-foot round tents, which we would like to set around the first of June. We have the money to back the right parties. Do not answer this ad unless you are in good standing with the Church, and are willing to work.—W. E. Johnson, state overseer of Virginia, P. O. Box 472, Salem, Virginia.

Have You Counted the Cost?

JUNE N. BECKER

Text, Mark 8:36, 37, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

"Have you counted the cost?" is one of the most prevalent questions being asked today. Why is this true? Let us take a retrospective view and analyze the situation.

Beginning with the farmer, on to the business man, and finally reaching our government officials, each one seems to be counting the cost of his actual living expenses, due to the standardized rationing plan. Much time and money is being spent each day in the calculation of income taxes, and the tremendous cost of another war in which America is engaged.

In observing the churches today, why don't we see them filled to capacity during this terrible world crisis of war, broken homes, broken hearts, disappointments, sorrow, and unrest on every hand? Why do we not see the revivals today as those in times past? So-called church members today have lost the vision of Christ on Calvary; they have failed to count the cost of salvation. Instead they are selling their souls for just a few cents, only to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

The church is facing a most serious alarm in the crisis. Men and women who were once on fire for God, with a burning testimony, have now taken the stand of Judas Iscariot, who counted the ointment of spikenard too costly to anoint the feet of Jesus. Many consider one-tenth too much to give to God, not realizing that God has prospered man in keeping the

nine-tenths for himself.

Do you value your farm, home, salary, or your social standing more highly than the things of God? If so, you are as guilty as Joseph's brethren who sold Joseph for only twenty pieces of silver, or as unrighteous as Judas who betrayed Christ with a kiss. Have you really counted the cost? Is there something in your life that you consider more highly than the things of God? Psa. 39:5, "Verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity."

A superintendent of a school one time inquired of one of the faculty members, why she refused to sign her contract for a third school term. She merely told him of her desire to work in the vineyard of the Lord. He casually replied, "That is too much of a sacrifice." This man, along with thousands of others, is walking on thin ice, spiritually, for he is placing the things in this world of more value than the things of God. James 4:14, "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

Professing Christians or sinner friends, have you counted the cost of sin? Rom. 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Christian friend, let us follow the admonition given to us in Matthew's gospel concerning the wise men who brought the best they had. They were gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Have you counted the cost and are you giving God the best? "For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

to lift you out of the clutches of sin, but man is not able within himself. Paul said, "When I would do good evil is present with me; it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me." Jesus is able to cleanse that heart of yours, establish your goings and set your feet on a solid foundation.

Water will not wash away our sins. If it would, Jesus would not have had to die, for John baptized before Jesus died. The blood of Jesus can wash away every stain if we will only accept it.

When a man convicted of murder receives the death sentence, he is then placed in the death cell. There is still a chance, a ray of hope, that he may be pardoned. Can you imagine his refusing a pardon? Would he say, "No, I don't want it. All I have to do is sit here and wait. There is something in this cell that fascinates me. Even in the darkness of this cell, in my imagination I can see beautiful things and tell myself I am having a grand time. No, I won't accept the pardon. I am sure I won't have to die." Would you not say, "That man is a fool, and ought to die"? So it is if you put off your soul's salvation, and refuse to accept the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, as your Savior. You are rejecting a pardon from an ever-burning hell, where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched.

Matt. 11:28, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

The wages of sin is death, and the soul that sinneth it shall die; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Praise His name!

The rich man that put off God thought he was all fixed. He had everything that man could ask for of earthly goods, but God spoke to him and said, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee."

You can go on in sin, have great riches and say you are having a good time, but if you will confess from the bottom of your heart and believe on the Lord, He will save you. If you go on professing, trying to put on salvation, God may speak to you when you least expect it, and say, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee."

"What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Proverbs 1:24, 26, "Because I have called, and ye have refused; I have stretched forth my hand, and no man regarded; I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh."

Oh, if you could get a glimpse of hell, men, women, boys and girls, writhing in agony, lost without hope, no water to cool their tongues, to be there forever and ever, surely you would give your heart to God who is able and will not only save you but keep you and take you home to that beautiful place called heaven, to spend eternity.

Where would you go if you died tonight?

God's Address to the Prisoners of Hope

IRENE HOLT

"Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day will I declare that I will render double unto thee," Zech. 9:12.

MAN became a prisoner in the garden of Eden. When he did what the devil told him to do, he became the servant of the devil, a prisoner of the underworld.

Man disobeyed God and a curse was placed upon him. God said, "In the day that thou eatest of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt surely die."

Dear reader, if you have not had the blood of Jesus applied to your soul; if you have not accepted the Lamb of God as your certificate of pardon, you are under this curse; you

are a prisoner of hope; you are condemned to die. You say, "I hope to become a Christian some day, to have that sentence of death lifted from my soul, to have the burden of sin rolled away." But what if you wait too long? Jesus said, "Today is the day of salvation, harden not your heart." Is there going to be a tomorrow for you? God says, "My Spirit will not always strive with man."

Zech. 1:3, "Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the Lord of hosts." Yes, if we will come to God, He will abundantly pardon. He will blot out the past, and give you a clean record. Jesus is able

The Religious Sixth Column

JOHN T. DUCKETT

2 Peter 2:10, "Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities."

FOR quite awhile I have felt impressed to write an article concerning a certain class of religious people, but could not think of a suitable name to call them. Perhaps the present world conflict has had something to do with my suggesting the title mentioned above.

Everybody knows that a fifth columnist is one who, by his subversive activity aids potential invaders. For centuries past true religion has had its fifth columnists at work trying to undermine and overthrow the Church.

We shall now discuss the activities of the sixth columnist. He may not be so vicious, mean as the fifth columnist, but his work is very necessary in order that Satan may accomplish his purpose against the Church. He may be a member or a minister in the Church and apparently there is little difference between him and the best of the body of Christ, but he is often influenced by the element that is openly opposed to Christ and the activities of the Church. He becomes doubtful about those things the Church has counted dear since the day of Pentecost. He forgets that the Church is first and foremost always. That person is a sixth columnist who directly or indirectly obstructs the progress of the Church of God in any way whatsoever.

Large gatherings, such as district, state or international assemblies, give the sixth columnist a fine time to work. I heard of one of these sixth columnists once who happened to be a preacher and attended all the large gatherings possible. He would stop and listen where he found several persons talking confidentially to each other. After he learned enough to be-

gin something he would start to spilling the spied-out news.

The sixth columnists have several schemes they delight to work. Scheme 1. Finding fault with the church leaders. Our church leaders are human and subject to error of judgment, but they are fine Christian men trying to do their best for God and the Church. Their responsibilities are great and usually handled wiser than some may think. They need the prayers, sympathies, and cooperation of all the Church. To criticize them is nothing short of being a sixth columnist. To find fault with our leaders is to attack the Church and to lend a hand to the enemy that opposes it. If we find fault with and criticize the leaders of our church it is like an attack upon the driver of an automobile while being a passenger in it yourself. The enemies of the Church delight to hear of all the disunity and attacks upon the leaders of the Church. All such attacks come through subversive channels. How often these sixth columnists paint a dark picture for the future of the Church, and start false rumors. They have said that we were loosening the lines and would soon come to naught.

Scheme 2 is to shirk their duty. The sixth columnists have never done much toward helping carry the burden of the Church. They let someone else carry the burden or let it go uncarried. If Satan can get an inactive element into the Church he has definitely slowed up the Church's progress.

This class of shirkers represents an enormous membership in the Christian churches of America. If the churches just sit down and fail to work, and fail to support the cause, the enemy will soon overtake us. But thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory!

and his legion of angels. The Red Sea is a type of worldly things. That's why they called it the Red Sea, the blood of martyrs, the blood of the innocent. The Lord spoke to Moses and he stepped into the water and waved his staff and something happened. The Spirit of God moved upon the waters. Every time we wave the staff of truth, the Spirit moves. It is here now, and we can feel His divine presence. Just so the world will fall back today. They have nothing that can withstand the Word of God. God made a way, and that way is described over in Isaiah 35:8, "An highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness." Thank God for the way—to the promised land. Although the children of Israel, because of disobedience, were in the wilderness forty years, they were given a man led by the Spirit of God who went on in. Thank God for men and women who will be led by the Spirit of God today.

I remember in 1934 when I became so hungry for the Holy Ghost and how the Spirit of God led me on and on down the avenue of sanctification to 2 Cor. 7:1 where I had to sanctify myself, and what a battle—good fighting against evil; Satan battling a losing fight against God. Finally, one morning I locked myself in the old barn away from wife, children and the world and there I did my part and then God did His. Man's extremity is God's opportunity. The Spirit of God moved upon me and sanctified me wholly.

The Lord is that Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty.

He Chasteneth Whom He Loveth

TARBORO, N. C.—I praise and thank the Lord for the wonderful love and mercy He has extended to me. I am not affiliated with the Church of God now. I requested that the church at Tarboro, N. C., drop my name from the church roll and they did. While I was a member of the Church I trusted God both soul and body and for three and a half years I didn't even take one dose of medicine and God healed me many times. Since then I failed the Lord, but praise His good name, He chasteneth whom He loveth. Just three weeks from the time I failed God I was rolled into the operating room for a serious operation. I spent two weeks in the hospital and this week I have not been able to sit up, but thank the Lord, I can lay here in bed and praise God for victory in my soul for bringing me through that operation, for without Him I could never have gone through it.

I praise Him most of all for being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost again and mean to serve and obey God and preach His Word, if I ever get able to be in service again. Please pray that God will lead me and show me just what to do. I realize the Church of God is the Bible church. Pray for me. I have a good, sweet Church of God wife and an eight-month-old baby. Advisable and encouraging letters will be appreciated and would help, as discouragement was my main reason for standing out of the Church of God. — Burnice Heath, 507 W. St. James St.

Liberty

ANDREW VANCE

2 Cor. 3:17, "The Lord is that Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

THE Spirit of the Lord will give you boldness. The Spirit of the Lord will give you liberty to testify, liberty to sing, liberty to do personal work and to contact people on your job. Without the Spirit you are dead. There is no life in you. Did you ever meet and talk with dead people? Jesus said, "If your eye be single your whole body shall be full of light." Again he said, "If the light that be in you be darkness, how great is that darkness." The Spirit of the Lord makes you full of light. In the Lord is no darkness at all. The Spirit of the Lord will make you enjoy life. You can shout and sing the praises of

God, and glorify God in heaven. You can even pay your tithes without a frown or without boasting. The Spirit of the Lord will take the boastful spirit out of folk. The spirit of evil makes us boast of what we have done.

We must try the spirits and know that which cometh from God. Gideon tried the angel. He proved he was of God. Daniel proved the Spirit of the Lord, as also did the three Hebrew children. Paul and Silas found Him true. John the revelator proved the Spirit and power of the Lord. You can prove Him, if you will let Him in.

In Gen. 1:2 we find that Moses said the Spirit of God moved. There they stood in front of the Red Sea, Pharaoh right behind them. Pharaoh and his army is a type of the devil

Foreign Missions

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NEWS FROM WATRAP OF THE TAMIL FIELD, SOUTH INDIA

Watrap was without a worker at the time that Brother M. S. Joseph graduated from our Bible school last year. Though he is young and without much experience, we felt that, with his love for souls and desire to work for the Lord, he could be used in that needy field. Last November we sent him there with his wife and child. To help him in the work for a time till he could learn the language, etc., we sent Sister Estheramma who has been there before and can use the Tamil language. Another sister, who also is a graduate of our Bible school, is with her. Esther takes some meetings at Watrap while Joseph is at other places. An older worker, stationed about twenty miles from there, has the oversight of this work and helps in it.

Joseph's first letters to us were not encouraging and it looked like we would have to recall him, but later letters and a visit from him show us that God is using him there and he has a real love for the work. I quote from two of his later letters to us:

Jan. 18, 1943—"In the beginning, when I came here, I had some difficulties and discouragement. I did not know the language and was like a dumb man for some time. I had no friends and in this condition I wrote you, but now the condition has changed and we are in a new atmosphere... I have learned the language; God prepared someone to help me; thus I am going on happily. Now I can pray in Tamil, speak in the meetings and talk to the people. Praise the Lord who helped me to learn the language so soon. . . . For three weeks I have been going each week to a place eight miles from here, called Konthanamkulam, conducting meetings there. I am doing personal work, telling the Hindus about Jesus.

"One person here, named Markandeyan, is clever at different trades, but he was a big sinner and a drunkard. . . . Now he is converted, has given up his bad habits, has removed the Hindu mark from his forehead and desires water baptism. When I see thousands of people perishing, my heart aches and I have decided to go on in the Lord's work with all the difficulties and sufferings which it may mean. Please pray for us."

Feb. 2, 1943—"Last Friday we went to Konthanamkulam for tarrying meetings. On Sunday night we had the Lord's supper and twenty-five believers took part. The meeting closed with much blessing; some backsliders returned and the believers were stirred. One brother, who had not been coming to meeting for a long time, came back and Saturday night

he gave up his snuff, throwing it outside.

"One woman, who was a believer, had gone to a witch doctor and had become weak in the faith. During these meetings the Spirit of God spoke to her and she threw off the charm from around her neck, which had been given her by the witch doctor."—M. S. Joseph.

This month (March) Brother Joseph visited us and told us more about the work there. Cholera has been raging around there and in one place twenty-five died from it right around where our Christians live but the latter have been kept, praise the Lord. This has stopped the mouths of some of our opposers. They see God's power manifested in caring for His own right in the midst of this dreadful disease.

There are villages around Watrap and Joseph feels the need of at least one more worker to help him. On Sundays the believers from Elanthankulam and from Puthupetti meet at Watrap, making a congregation of fifteen members. As the former place is six miles from Watrap, those of that place are asking for a service of their own, with a special worker, as it is difficult to come that distance with their families. There is work in other surrounding villages also.

A Hindu teacher from Elanthankulam recently testified to salvation and wants a Bible. A high caste Hindu man, who is a tailor, has recently bought a New Testament, is reading it and desires to know more about the true way of the Lord. Since Joseph went to Watrap, five have followed the Lord in baptism, four being from Elanthankulam and one from Watrap. The latter was put out of his house after his baptism and was kept with our workers for ten days but now he is back in his house. His new name is John. Others who hope to be baptized soon are some fortunetellers, who will have to give that up, of course, when they follow the Lord all the way. They are preparing to make their living in another way, having bought some property which they can cultivate. Each year they bring an offering of paddy (unthreshed rice) to their gods, but this year they brought an offering to our workers instead.

Additions to Our Orphanage

Last November a beggar woman, who said that she is a Roman Catholic, came here with her little girl, whose name is Mary, and her baby boy. She wanted to give little Mary to us and we could not refuse. Though the child is over five years of age, she is about the size of a three-year-old one; she has a sweet face and is so good-natured. The mother told us that her husband had deserted her, so she was going about begging, though

she was willing to work if she could get work. We have heard later that she now has some work.

We have recently taken in a high caste Hindu woman and her daughter of three years. This woman had a vision of Jesus some years ago, but was hindered by her father from going on. Later, after her marriage, her husband hindered her, but now that both the father and husband are dead, she is free and has decided to go all the way with the Lord, leaving her mother's house, where she was living. She gives a good testimony and we expect her to follow the Lord in baptism soon. With prices soaring as they have been, it seemed a big burden to take them in, but we felt that we could not refuse one who wanted a chance to become a true Christian.

Early one day in February a man came to us with a small Hindu boy of about five years. The mother who was a beggar had died about a month before and no one knows about the father. This man had been keeping the boy since the mother's death but could not continue to do so as he has six children of his own. He told us that others had asked for little Madhavan, but as he wants the boy to be brought up right, he felt the best place for him is with us. Of course we could not refuse to take in this boy and he is now quite happy with our children. His Hindu name has been changed to Matthew.

Other News Notes

In Papanasum of the Tamil field cholera has been raging and one man who has opposed our work has died from it. Our worker there writes that of all those for whom he has gone and prayed none have died, praise the Lord.

In Kizhvaipoor a revival is going on and three have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit there. This outstation is in Travancore. Also in a revival going on at Punalur outstation three have just lately received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

During the year preceding our last annual assembly held in February, 1943, 379 followed the Lord in water baptism in our entire field. Praise God for this increase. We ask the saints everywhere to pray much for the work in India in this last hour. We want to be faithful till Jesus comes in this corner of His vineyard.—Mrs. Robert F. Cook.

Being in a desert place doesn't hinder or excuse us from feeding the hungry souls. If we bring the loaves and small fishes to the Lord we can feed them and have plenty left for ourselves, but if we feed ourselves first they will go without food and we shall soon go without God—how sad, yet how true.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take them to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf. In order for requests to be published they must be signed.

PRAY FOR

Ray Phillips, who is reported missing in action since March 28 in North Africa.—His mother, Mrs. Day Phillips, Pinsonfork, Ky.

Me to be completely healed of T. B.—Mrs. Vivian Bankston, Rt. 1, Box 102, Independence, La.

My husband to be healed of asthma; my boy's eyes and head; my oldest boy to be healed of asthma; my healing.—Rosie Collins, Mt. Vernon, Tex.

Four of my grandchildren to be healed; a friend to be healed and saved; a brother to be healed of kidney and bladder trouble.—Mrs. L. A. Binkley, Box 634, Albany, Ga.

Sister Hazel Diffie who has been sick in bed for some time.—R. C. Ogle, pastor, Bisbee, Ariz.

The healing of Sister Mary Bowyer, her condition is serious, Bedford, Va.

The healing of my body.—Martha Page, Rhodhiss, N. C.

Me to be healed.—Mrs. Lora Scarberry, Murphy, Miss.

My little girl who has sores on her legs and feet.—Mrs. Audrey Stephens, Rt. 2, Box 117, Oak Grove, La.

The healing of my body, I have had something like a nervous breakdown.—Lawrence Lafever, Rt. 2, Cookeville, Tenn.

My mother to be healed of high blood pressure; my home.—Mrs. H. H. James, Oxford, Miss.

God to undertake for my sons.—Mrs. Paul Franklin, Box 337, Clarksville, Ga.

My niece to be healed of bad tonsils and bad nerves; my son to be healed of rheumatism; my daughter to be healed of Bright's disease and low blood pressure; me to be healed of bad head and throat trouble.—Mrs. Florence Pace, 619 West Ave., Cedar-town, Ga.

The healing of my body of nervous indigestion; the healing of Sister Nettie Collins.—Ida Mullins, Sophia, W. Va.

My son in New Guinea asked me to request special prayer for them. He said it would mean so very, very much to them if answered. Please pray earnestly. My son in Iceland.—Rosa

Bretches, 1024 Coffeyville Ave., Independence, Kans.

God to completely heal my body, I am in bad health, my nerves and heart are so bad and I have rheumatism so bad I can hardly walk. God only knows my condition.—Mrs. J. O. Garretson, Besoco, W. Va.

God to undertake for a friend who is in desperate need of God, I fear for him and ask you to earnestly pray for him.—Truett Presley, Rt. 1, Belmont, N. C.

My sick baby to be healed; the healing of my daughter's throat and head; God to undertake for my home.—Ethel Palmer, Rt. 2, Seneca, S. C.

The healing of my body, I am in a serious condition.—Ruth Franklin, Box 185, Lacoochee, Fla.

My uncle, A. T. Little, who has had a heart attack and dropsy, to be healed and that he may get back in the service of the Lord.—Mrs. Melvin Wade, Littleton, W. Va.

The Lord to heal me of ulcers, I cannot bear to suffer much longer.—Miss Ruby Hagee, Pulaski, Va.

Our son to be healed of rheumatic fever.—Mrs. Robert Hyre, Clarksburg, W. Va.

My husband to be healed, he is blind in his right eye and losing the sight of the other fast.—Mrs. H. M. Norton, Rt. 2, Fairfax, Okla.

The Lord to heal me of rheumatism.—Furman E. Brown, Jena, La.

My brother to be healed of T. B., if the Lord doesn't heal him he can't live long and he is unsaved.—W. H. Wright, Rt. 2, Brownsville, Tenn.

Our pastor, Brother J. W. Hannah, to be healed, he is badly afflicted with stomach trouble; my husband and me to be healed, our bodies are afflicted.—Mrs. Loy Purdy, Toccoa, Ga.

The healing of my daughter, Mrs. J. O. Smith, and her baby, they are very ill; the Lord to heal my body.—Mrs. Sallie Ott, Rt. 3, Winnsboro, S. C.

My sister-in-law, Mrs. Curtis Vinson, Rt. 2, Ochlochnee, Ga., to be healed.—Mrs. Ellis Vinson, Rt. 2, Meigs, Ala.

God to undertake for my home, I truly need encouragement and prayer that I will be able to stand true to the Lord.—Mrs. Leroy Stallings, Rt. 1, Waycross, Ga.

The healing of my little son, he has been in bed most of the time since Christmas and has had several hemorrhages. He got saved recently and wants the Holy Ghost. We are fully trusting God for his healing.—Mrs. Frank Gallaher, Rt. 2, Collinwood, Tenn.

The Lord to heal me of chronic sore leg and kidney trouble; my daughter to be healed of tonsillitis and other ailments.—Mrs. Leighton Singleton, Rt. 1, Cleveland, Miss.

The healing of my three-year-old daughter of sinus trouble and asthma, it seems to be affecting her hearing; my boy who is in delicate health to be healed and made stronger.—Ethel Lombard, Box 64, Coden, Ala.

OBITUARIES

BRISTER

Sister Mollie Brister, a faithful member of the Church of God, went to be with Jesus May 1, 1943; age fifty-six years.—Rev. E. S. W. Elswick, Mount Heron, Va.

ADKINS

Sister Ruth Adkins, a faithful member of the Jonben, W. Va., Church of God, departed this life to be with Jesus March 15, 1943; age twenty-eight years. Please pray for me.—Her sister, Mrs. Robert Faye, 517 Elliott Ave., Portsmouth, Va.

CARROLL

Brother James Carroll departed this life April 29, 1943, at the age of seventy-nine years. He was a charter member of the Church of God at Naples, Fla.—Forrest Walker, Naples, Fla.

SKINNER

Sister A. S. (Mother) Skinner, a faithful member of the Church of God at Ft. Myers, passed to her reward on April 27, 1943. Her death came suddenly. The sisters had met at the church for their regular Tuesday afternoon L.W.W.B. meeting and had met at the altar for the closing prayer, which was for the sick. Sister Skinner, appearing to be in good health, came to help pray for the sick and while in prayer was stricken with a heart attack and died about ten minutes later between the altar and platform. She had trusted God for the healing of her body for many years. Her deepening experience and faithfulness to God and His Church has erected a monument of honor that shall live on.—Rev. M. M. Thomas, pastor, 2940 Church St., Ft. Myers, Fla.

DENSON

Dovie Denson, wife of Seborn Denson, departed this life March 18, 1943; age sixty years, two months and twenty-three days. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Helican, Ala.—W. G. Pearson.

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CONVENTIONS

Pittsburg, Kans., District Convention

The Pittsburg, Kans., district convention, which has just closed, convened at Pittsburg April 16-18. Although there was not a great overwhelming portion or degree of demonstration, yet the immaculate purity of God's love, Spirit and power was manifested in a great and mighty way. It was one of the best conventions we have ever had in this district. God's power was prevalent at all times.

We had several evangelistic and instructive messages. As we listened to these speakers, who spoke under the mighty power and unction of the Holy Ghost, we could feel the power of God vibrating and revibrating in our souls. Oh, the sweetness and chaste innocence, incorrupt holiness of the communion that we have with God and His Son Jesus Christ in these trying times.

The speakers were as follows: Rev. R. A. Norman, Rev. T. A. Pirken, Rev. M. O. Smith, Rev. J. T. Campbell.

This convention will be long remembered in the hearts of those who attended. Considering the circumstances—gas, tire and food rationing—this was the best convention, even in attendance. The Pittsburg folk certainly were nice in supplying the necessities of those who attended.

The reports were read. The work of the district had progressed wonderfully in every department. The convention received \$81.98 for missions and \$11.61 for the orphanage, for which we are very thankful. Everything said and done there seemed to feed our souls to make us better Christians and coworkers for God. The convention was in charge of our beloved overseer, Rev. Wilma Henry, and district pastor, Rev. W. C. Howard.

In the close of the convention we set a higher mark to attain in the state convention and we believe we shall attain that mark. As Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me," Phil 4:13. As the convention came to a close God's blessings and Spirit still rested upon the people and every minister returned home with a greater urge to put the program over for God and the Church. It was a great convention!—Rev. R. A. Norman, Weir, Kans.

Erwin, N. C., District Convention

The Erwin, N. C., district convention has now gone down in history as the greatest the Erwin district has ever seen. Rev. H. L. Chesser, our state overseer, and Rev. Jno. L. Byrd, our district pastor, were in charge. Each one could feel as he entered the door that good warm welcome and fellowship. Friday evening, March 19, the convention opened with Rev. Ralph E. Williams, our state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent, in charge of the young people's service.

This was a glorious service. Saturday sessions were filled with unity and fellowship among the ministers and pastors of the district as Brother Chesser advised concerning our duties as pastors and ministers, and Saturday evening God's power fell as we enjoyed two soul-inspiring messages by Brother Aylor A. Padgett and Brother D. H. Delk.

Sunday morning as 9:30 rolled by the singing came pouring out of the Church of God in Erwin as that final day began. Brother H. L. Chesser moved to the controls and brought one of the most inspiring sermons we have ever heard. He then gave a chance to help put God's program over and when the mission offering was counted we had a total of \$407.06. This doubled last year's mission offering. Also a \$25 offering for the orphanage was given. The noon hour was filled with nice dinners furnished by those good friendly Erwin people. We say, Thank the Lord and the Erwin people for their good hospitality. After noon we had reports of churches. Every report was encouraging, and finally as the last report was given Brother Byrd came forward with a check for \$30 for a suit as a gift to our state overseer from the pastors and churches on this district. Directly behind him came Brother Ralph Williams with \$30 for our district pastor as a gift from his Y.P.E. and Sunday School. We all stood thanking God for a great convention, for sweet fellowship, unity and for the great Church of God. Thus goes the greatest Erwin district convention.—Rev. Archie Luke, clerk.

Westernport-Hagerstown, Md., District Convention

This convention convened at Hagerstown, Md., in the Odd Fellows Hall March 26-28 and will be long remembered by those who were privileged to attend as one of the greatest in the history of the State of Maryland. Great crowds were in attendance and every preacher was at his best bringing a message which stirred the souls of men. Special singing unequalled was the feature of this convention. The Cambridge ladies' quartet and the Southern boys' quartet sang like only Spirit-filled people can sing.

An offering was taken for the orphans amounting to \$35 on Saturday night. Then on Sunday afternoon D. C. Boatwright brought a message on missions and the offering was taken, which amounted to \$301.50. The offering last year was \$72. The delegates were well entertained and the credit goes to Brother J. Wilson, pastor of the local church at Hagerstown.—D. C. Boatwright.

Bluefield, Va., District Convention

The Bluefield, Va., district convention convened at Bluefield, Va., April 9-11, under the management of our state overseer, Brother W. E. Johnson, and district overseer,

Brother W. T. Morefield. Every service was greatly enjoyed as the presence of the Lord was with us throughout the entire convention. Speakers during the convention were: Rev. W. I. Bass, pastor at Bluefield; Rev. C. O. Lawson, Rev. H. H. Hungate, pastor at Radford, Rev. J. B. Holcomb, pastor at Bastian; Rev. D. B. Hatfield, pastor at Princeton, W. Va.; Rev. J. D. Humphrey, pastor at Thompson Valley and Baptist Valley; Rev. Willie Lyle, pastor at Oakwood; Rev. C. E. Corley, pastor at Abbs Valley; Rev. John Adair, state Sunday School and Y.P.E. superintendent; Rev. W. E. Johnson, state overseer. Brother Johnson preached a wonderful message on missions and an offering of \$310.84 was given. Rev. J. D. Humphrey, pastor of the Thompson Valley church, was awarded a Bible for having the largest mission offering to bring to the convention. The ministers on the district are a loyal band of ministers and worked hard to make this convention a success.—Convention clerks, Margaret Winegar and Mrs. Robert Tilley.

Weatherford, Tex., District Convention

The Weatherford, Tex., district convention convened at Ft. Worth, April 9-11, under the direction of district pastor, Brother Hilton Vail. The attendance was large, including many visitors from off the district. The holy atmosphere permeated our souls until we truly felt we were sitting together in a heavenly place throughout the convention.

The convention opened with choir singing on Friday night. Brother T. W. Godwin, state overseer, then read the 150th Psalm and the congregation responded in concert praise. The spiritual tide was rising high by now and continued through the service. After the welcome address by Brother H. N. Bridges, host pastor, and response by Brother J. W. Truitt, of Childress, and Brother George Bloomington, of Electra, some special songs were rendered by Brother Truitt, also the Awkward quartet, composed of Brothers Godwin, Vail, Weatherby and Truitt. After an offering for the state overseer, Brother J. C. Thompson, of Dallas, brought the evening message, which was soul-stirring and uplifting.

Brother Godwin brought another good message on Saturday morning. Brother Bridges' message Saturday afternoon encouraged us to trust God more fully. The reading and explanation of the minutes by Brother Godwin was very instructive and followed up the sermon. Saturday night service found more delegates present and ready to do their bit. Sister Mary Burnett and Brother and Sister Warner, of Dallas, added an extra touch to the service with their special song. Brother E. M. Smith, of Mineral Wells, preached a wonderful message on divine healing and a healing service followed. Next was a demonstrative sermon by Brother Jack Truitt, which held all spellbound. At the close of this service an offering of \$240 was given for the orphanage. A prize of a nice platform rocker was given to the church turning in the

most offering and Ft. Worth won.

The Sunday morning service was well filled with good things. Brother Vail preached a fine doctrinal message, then the final message of the convention by Brother Godwin. When this message was finished we knew if we were an asset or a liability to the church. An offering of \$212.72 for missions was then given and services dismissed so all could enjoy the lunch spread before leaving for their homes.

Time alone will reveal the value of this good convention but we feel that it was both reviving and instructive. Summing it up, the music and singing were inspiring, the messages all soul-stirring and the wonderful presence of God's power uplifting.

We must not forget to mention Sister Jack Truitt's faithfulness at the piano and in special singing. She was a blessing.—Clerk reporter, Ruby Truesdell.

N. Woodville, Mich., District Y.P.E. and Sunday School Convention

The Church of God Sunday School and Y.P.E. district convention of the North Woodville, Mich., district convened in Big Rapids, April 17, 18. Rev. John L. Meares, state superintendent, and Gerald Van Houten, district superintendent, were in charge. God's blessing and presence was with us from the start.

Saturday night, our first service, our greatly appreciated state overseer, Rev. Paul H. Walker, was with us and showed the pictures of his missionary tour of the Island of Jamaica, Haiti and British West Indies, giving us a lecture on the trip from the pictures. It was a great blessing to many and a splendid offering of \$100 was raised for missions.

Sunday morning we had a fine Sunday School, receiving an offering of \$26.50 for the orphans, after which Brother John Meares spoke, which was very good and enjoyed by all. We, the Y.P.E. of the district, greatly appreciate our Y.P.E. superintendent of the state, also our district superintendent. They are really a great blessing to the young people. In the afternoon after some good songs there were some good testimonies by the Y.P.E. and short talks by the Y.P.E. superintendent, Sunday School superintendent and the pastors. The services closed with all the young people greatly helped and encouraged.—Convention reporter, Sister Arneline N. Cousineau.

Montana State Convention

We have just closed our convention; we had a God-sent one. Our souls were made happy by the presence and power of God in our midst. We were happy to have Brother and Sister Earl P. Paulk and the twins with us. The inspiring and uplifting messages that God sent through Brother Paulk were enjoyed by all, I am sure. I thank the Lord for the way the good pastors and people helped make this convention a success. God is blessing here in Montana.

We were glad to have with us Brother Wm. Pospisil, overseer of Western Canada, and the two minis-

ters who came with him, Brothers Evins and Lane. Their messages were enjoyed. We also had Brother Frank Chrismore, of Lemmon, S. Dak., with us. He brought a good message.

I am happy to say that the Montana ministers were at their best; their messages were wonderful. The singing was under good management, Sister C. P. Savchenko in charge. The quartet, duets and solos were enjoyed by all. God blessed in our mission offering, which was \$700; orphanage offering, \$100.—Ray T. Hill, overseer of Montana.

New England Fellowship Meeting

On March 26, in New Britain, Conn., a fellowship meeting was conducted by Brother Wm. F. Morris, overseer of the New England States, assisted by Brother Seamans, local pastor. From the beginning to the end this meeting was a great success, due to four outstanding things: First, the welcome we received. Second, the fellowship of the saints. Third, the contributions of those present. We had messages by Brother Wm. Winters and Sister Alva Mae McClure; songs by Brothers Morris and W. Pettit, Sisters Greene, McClure, and Treola; testimonies by Elder Burns, his people, Sister Justin, and many others. These, with other wonderful things, made our hearts rejoice. Last but not least, the presence of the Lord was there from the beginning to the end. Of course, the result was joy, rejoicing, praising, singing, and shouting. Because of all this we were able to say, "It was good for us to be here."—W. E. Tull, reporter.

Tampa District Fellowship Meeting

The Tampa district fellowship meeting convened at the Hudson Church of God on Monday night, April 12, with Brother Paul Taylor, our district pastor, in charge.

We had with us our state overseer, Brother Jernigan. Pastors on the district present were Brothers G. W. Hodges, J. B. Ellis, Jr., H. B. Ramsey, and Y. E. McNear. Also, Brother Byrd Simmons and Brother Johnnie Johns, and other visitors were present.

We had good congregational singing, under the direction of Brother Kerce. His wife, Sister Vesta Kerce, was the pianist. Special singing was enjoyed by all.

A mission offering amounting to a little over \$15 was taken. Brother H. B. Ramsey was ordained as bishop.

It seemed that the Lord anointed Brother McNear with the very message we needed to encourage us. Brother Jernigan and Brother Taylor also gave some encouraging remarks. In fact, we just had a good fellowship meeting. We feel that the Tampa district is moving forward for God.—W. F. Hudson, pastor.

Comforter Still Abides

PITTS, Ga.—Dear Evangel readers: I praise my Savior for the blessings He has bestowed on me and my family. About fifteen years ago God gloriously saved my soul from a life of sin, sanctified me, filled me with heaven's sweet Holy Ghost, the great Comforter. He still abides today, praise the Lord. He comforts me in darkest hours and when the skies seem gray. This great Christ I serve is able to shield in the hardest storm, to give light and hope in the darkest hour. He is a great healer of all who believe and trust Him. With Him all things are possible and if we live for Him, or His words abide in us and we in Him, we can ask what we will and it shall be done, praise the Lord. I'm delighted in Him, in His great love. Pray much for us. Pray that we will soon get our new church up, also for our Y.P.E.—A sister in Christ, Lois Brazier, Rt. 2.



BLACKSHEAR, Ga.—We're thankful for the church at Blackshear, Ga. The Lord has been good to us in giving us this church. I can never forget how the precious people labored with us to help get the church. We appreciated Brother Paulk and Brother Beaubé being here to dedicate it. We're over the top in every department. Things are going good here. Pray for us and stop by to see us.—J. B. Conner, pastor.

West Knoxville, Tenn., Church Free of Debt



The picture above shows the burning of a \$1,265 note. The drive started about three weeks ago with Brother Wayne Mowery in charge, to pay the West Knoxville Church of God out of debt, and this was accomplished on Easter Sunday.

From left to right: G. C. Hamby, pastor; Brother Murphy Bolt, member of finance committee; Brother Wayne Mowery, also on finance committee, who set the note on fire; Brother Mell Connatser, clerk, holds the note as it burns; Brother Roy Clinton, Brother Ed Hedrick, trustees, and some of the charter members are seated on the stage. The church was set in order February 14, 1937, with twenty-seven members, in an old store building. Later we built a large basement and worshipped there until Brother Hodges and the faithful members completed the auditorium and the basement was then converted into five nice Sunday

School rooms. It also has a nice furnace to heat the church. The church is valued at \$6,000 and has one hundred fourteen members at present. I will give the names of pastors who have labored with us, and we thank God for all of them: Brother Morris was first; Brother Blackwood, Brother Cooper, who was here when the basement was built, Brother G. W. Messer, Brother G. W. Hodges, and Brother G. C. Hamby is our pastor now. We are glad to have Brother Hamby and family with us this year.

The church is making progress in all departments. Finance is the best since the church was set in order. This note was paid off about nine months ahead of time. We thank God for the way He has helped us in this work. We are in a good revival at present, with Rev. Bill Landrum and party of Bible Training School in charge. Pray for us here.—Mell Connatser, clerk.

REVIVALS

NEWBERN, Va.—The Church of God at Dublin, Va., is glad to report victory through only one year's service. We have just closed a revival which started a week before the evangelist, Sister Sallie Herron, of Kingsport, arrived. It progressed four weeks. Seven were saved and sanctified and four filled with the Holy Ghost. Five of those were so anxious to be baptized that we baptized them with three inches of snow and snow still falling on the ground. Brothers Cox and Humphrey were impressed last year to start a church in Dublin. It has been a wonderful success.

The Dublin church is expanding but we do not have room. All our services are held in the homes. We are starting this week on our church building. Donations have been our only means of building. We organized a very enthusiastic Y.P.E. with thirty-three members. They can hardly wait from one time to the next to be on the program. Pray for us at Dublin. We are determined to go higher and higher, over the top for our Lord.—Mary Ratcliffe.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—On March 28 we closed a five weeks' revival at Brooklyn, New York City. God certainly did bless in a marvelous way.

Praise the Lord. We opened up this vacated church building the first week of February. February 21 we started a revival. The crowds were small the first few nights but as the news got out that a Church of God revival was going on more came until we had a nice attendance. The building seats 320 people. The altar began to fill up with seekers until the revival broke through with a couple of backsliders coming back to God. They encouraged others to come to the altar until there was a goodly number saved and reclaimed. Glory to God! The power of God began to fall in the services in a mighty way. (That is something that a lot of these

our pastor and wife; they are doing a good work. Brother Summers is a wonderful man of God. During our revival we received thirty Evangel subscriptions.

All-time records are being broken here at East Alton. Fourteen hundred Lighted Pathways were sold for the month of March. We have raised nearly \$400 mission money through our Y.P.E. and our Sunday School has increased in attendance and offerings. We are looking for greater things. Pray for us, that we will stay in the center of God's will.—Estil More, district superintendent of Y. P.E.

AWAKE! AWAKE!

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we'll have no one prepared to go, and no money to send. There is plenty we can do about it now. Let us arise from this spiritual lethargy and get down on our knees, ask God's forgiveness for our carelessness, and mend our ways. Begin to give liberally to missions, and have enough money saved up when this war is over that we can send out hundreds of God-called, Spirit-filled missionaries to the Pentecostal people in New York are hungry for because their churches are cold.) The revival spirit mounted higher and higher each week until it was hard to close, therefore we went on for five weeks. From that wonderful revival and those prayers we now have an organized church of forty-two members. Thirty-five joined when it was set in order and seven have joined since then. Among the number we have taken in some good musicians. We now have a band which plays in our services.

I have found out that the people here in the North are just as hungry for the old-time, Holy-Ghost meetings as they are elsewhere. The trouble is, the leaders of the Pentecostal churches (most of them) are cold, but many of their congregations are hungering for spiritual food and blessings. Therefore many are coming to the Church of God now because there they have freedom of the Spirit.

Pray for this new church, that God will continue to put His approval on it.—Roland Verrico, overseer of New York.

EAST ALTON, Ill.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival here. The Lord wonderfully blessed. Ten were saved, eight sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and five added to the church, totaling fifty-five members, of which eleven have been added this Assembly year. Brother T. R. Morse, our state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent, and his wife, were with us. Brother Morse did the preaching. He is a great worker and the Lord is surely blessing his ministry and leadership of the young people. Sister LaVera Kerce, our state overseer's daughter, was the pianist during the revival. Brother E. O. Kerce, our state overseer, was with us some during the meeting. We praise God for the work he is doing in this state. We praise God for Brother and Sister E. E. Summers,

fields God has called them, until in every heathen country the Church of God will have a representative to tell the lost neighbor about our Lord Jesus Christ. "Love thy neighbor as thy self."

"Awake! Awake! and arise from the dead, and Christ will give thee light!" Look at Rev. 2:4,5, "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do thy first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

I leave this verse a solemn warning to the Church of God. If we do not awake to our great responsibility, then God will raise up some one else who will! May the Spirit that inspired these words, also sink them into your souls. From the depth of my soul I submit them hoping that we as God's Church will see our shortcomings and

mend our ways.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ rest upon you all.

NOTES FROM MY LETTERS

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\$14.05 was raised for the orphans.—H. T. Durden, pastor of Cramerton Church of God.

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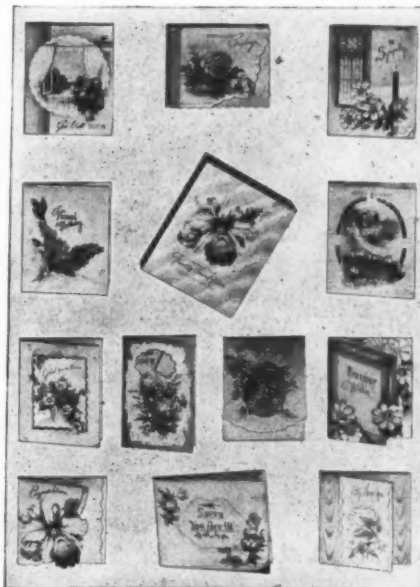
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